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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending July 23, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 23, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 18 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 2 percent very short, 16 percent short, 62 percent adequate, and 20 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Leesville to 76.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden and Morgan City. Highs ranged from 86.9 degrees Fahrenheit at Galliano to 97.3 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the south central part of the state with an average of 2.26 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 23, 2017

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	98	95	98	98
Corn, dent	92	79	82	88
Corn, mature	50	22	19	29
Corn, harvested	5	NA	NA	NA
Cotton, squaring	99	97	97	98
Cotton, setting bolls	77	69	74	77
Cotton, open bolls	10	7	5	2
Hay, first cutting	100	99	100	100
Hay, second cutting	50	44	54	61
Rice, headed	81	72	85	85
Rice, mature	30	17	34	21
Rice, harvested	10	3	10	5
Sorghum, headed	96	92	98	97
Sorghum, coloring	76	60	74	73
Sorghum, mature	30	8	18	14
Soybeans, blooming	94	91	94	91
Soybeans, setting pods	87	81	78	77
Soybeans, turning color	18	4	5	6

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending July 23, 2017

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	0	16	72	12
Cotton	0	2	13	81	4
Livestock	1	5	25	56	13
Pasture	1	4	29	52	14
Rice	0	6	19	60	15
Sorghum	0	3	28	63	6
Soybeans	0	2	15	69	14
Sugarcane	0	3	20	63	14
Sweet Potatoes	0	3	15	78	4
Vegetables	1	8	30	56	5

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“Untimely rains continued to slow all fieldwork across the parish. Some corn producers began to harvest early planted corn; while harvest aids have been applied to some soybeans planted on sugarcane ground. We are definitely in need of some dry weather across the parish so we can get into the fields and begin to harvest the crops in a timely manner.”

– Mark Carriere, Pointe Coupee Parish

“Scattered showers received this summer have helped both row crops and pastures. Right now most crops look good and some are getting ready to harvest. Most soybean farmers are considering applying insecticide now; while early planted soybeans are starting to turn, with reports of a few combines already out in the field. The corn crop looks really good this year and I expect to hear of some high yields. Cotton is in full bloom and being managed for insects. Overall the crop looks good.”

– Kylie Miller, Concordia Parish

“Scattered rains continued to delay some fieldwork, but they’ve helped reduce the need for irrigation. Growers were preparing for corn harvest. Those that have dry corn conditions have begun harvesting. Some early soybeans were beginning to turn color.”

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Hot conditions and variable rains made the harvesting situation difficult last week.”

– Anna Timmerman, Jefferson Parish

“Almost daily rains have slowed rice harvest to a crawl. Many farmers were behind on harvesting ripe rice. Sugarcane farmers were waiting for fields to dry to start planting. Hay harvest was well behind schedule and quality is expected to be poor when they do harvest. Cattle ranchers were pulling bulls and working calves. Soybean farmers were spraying for stink bugs and applying fungicide.”

– Andrew Granger, Vermilion Parish

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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 23, 2017										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	97.3	76.7	87.0	82.5	4.5	0.00	0	-0.72	2.49	-1.12
Mooringsport	95.4	75.4	85.4	83.3	2.2	0.00	0	-0.65	3.49	0.19
Red River	95.0	75.9	85.4	83.3	2.1	0.00	0	-0.77	2.06	-1.21
Shreveport	94.7	74.6	84.6	82.9	1.7	0.00	0	-1.09	1.93	-2.30
Extreme/Average	95.6	75.7	85.6	83.0	2.6	0.00	0	-0.81	2.49	-1.11
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	81.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	82.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	93.3	72.1	82.7	80.8	1.9	0.06	2	-0.70	2.68	-0.95
Extreme/Average	93.3	72.1	82.7	81.5	1.9	0.06	2	-0.70	2.68	-0.95
Northeast										
Lake Providence	92.3	74.3	83.3	82.7	0.6	0.04	1	-0.66	1.76	-0.93
St Joseph	95.8	72.0	83.9	82.8	1.1	0.00	0	-0.71	0.38	-3.16
Tallulah	96.3	75.2	85.8	82.2	3.6	0.00	0	-0.61	0.30	-1.13
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00	-0.62
Extreme/Average	94.8	73.8	84.3	82.6	1.8	0.01	1	-0.66	0.61	-1.46
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.7	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	1.18	2	0.93	4.00	0.74
Leesville	92.7	70.9	81.8	81.6	0.2	0.67	4	-0.10	2.56	-1.36
Natchitoches	94.7	76.4	85.6	83.8	1.8	0.93	3	-0.16	3.57	-0.26
Extreme/Average	93.7	73.7	83.7	82.5	1.0	0.93	4	0.22	3.38	-0.29
Central										
Alexandria	93.3	74.9	84.1	83.4	0.6	0.72	3	-0.14	2.59	-1.74
Bunkie	93.2	74.7	83.9	82.6	1.4	1.50	1	0.83	3.68	-0.09
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	83.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	93.3	75.8	84.6	82.7	1.9	0.23	2	-0.44	1.10	-2.34
New Roads	92.8	73.2	83.0	83.0	0.0	1.95	1	1.25	5.13	1.41
Extreme/Average	93.1	74.7	83.9	83.1	1.0	1.10	3	0.38	3.12	-0.69
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.11	5	0.00	4.69	-0.23
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.10	1	NA	10.81	NA
Slidell	90.0	74.7	82.4	NA	NA	1.87	6	NA	3.61	NA
Extreme/Average	90.0	74.7	82.4	81.8	NA	1.03	6	0.00	6.37	-0.23
Southwest										
Crowley	92.0	75.7	83.8	82.2	1.6	1.05	3	0.36	7.20	2.11
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.3	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	91.1	74.9	83.0	82.3	0.7	0.46	5	-0.55	7.76	2.79
Oberlin Fire	90.9	74.1	82.5	82.0	0.5	1.26	2	0.18	6.23	0.87
Extreme/Average	91.3	74.9	83.1	82.2	0.9	0.92	5	0.00	7.06	1.92
South Central										
Donaldsonville	91.9	73.7	82.8	82.0	0.8	3.99	4	2.66	6.19	0.11
Jeanerette	90.1	73.9	82.0	82.3	-0.3	1.33	6	-0.07	9.53	2.66
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	89.5	76.7	83.1	82.3	0.8	1.46	3	0.23	8.25	1.87
Extreme/Average	90.5	74.8	82.6	82.1	0.4	2.26	6	0.94	7.99	1.55
Southeast										
Galliano	86.9	71.1	79.0	82.4	-3.4	1.17	5	-0.62	3.91	-3.15
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.26	2	-0.99	6.68	0.91
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	86.9	71.1	79.0	82.4	-3.4	0.71	5	-0.80	5.29	-1.12
State	92.0	73.9	82.9	82.4	0.6	0.76	4	-0.17	4.39	-0.23

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.